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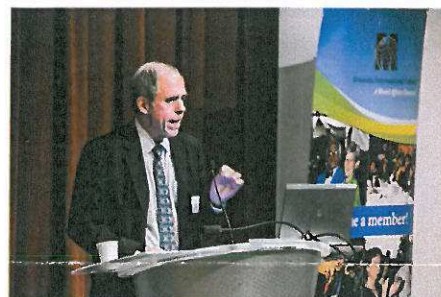
Tuesday, January 26

U.S. Foreign Policy Update with Tom Hanson

Join MIC on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 for the ever-popular annual U.S. Foreign Policy Update with former career Foreign Service Officer **Tom Hanson**. Tom will explore and explain the latest foreign policy developments, trends, and challenges facing the

United States in the upcoming year, including Europe's migration crisis and relations with Cuba. This timely and thought-provoking presentation is recommended for anyone interested in international relations. Participants in MIC's Great Decisions program are especially encouraged to attend.

Tom Hanson's U.S. Foreign Service postings included East Germany, France, Norway, the Soviet Union, Sweden, and the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. He also participated in the opening of new U.S. embassies in Mongolia and Estonia. Currently, Tom serves as Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota – Duluth and is a member of MIC's Great Decisions advisory committee and frequent Great Decisions speaker. He is also a board member of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, U.S. Foundation.



MEMBER SPECIALS!

Become a new MIC member or increase your membership at the following levels to take advantage of these special offers:

\$75 level Receive 2 free admissions to Tom Hanson's U.S. Foreign Policy Update

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\$300 level Receive 2 free admissions to Tom Hanson's U.S. Foreign Policy Update, a free 2016 Great Decisions book, plus an invitation for 2 to a private reception with Tom Hanson and other former foreign service officers

Act now – these specials end December 21, 2015!

Call today at 612.625.1662. Every membership dollar will be matched!

When: Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Registration 5:30 pm
Program 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Where: Pohlad Hall, Hennepin County Library –
Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
Parking is available in ramp underneath the library

Cost: \$5 MIC members and students
\$20 Nonmembers
Event vouchers accepted

Advance registration requested.

A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

As we look back on another successful year at the Minnesota International Center, one thing is clear: Our members make it all possible. **THANK YOU for all the ways you support MIC.** Because of you:

- MIC will reach more than **2,300** people at our public events, helping Minnesotans make sense of global issues and connecting people in personal ways.
- Minnesota's elementary school classrooms will receive more than **2,205** hours of meaningful cross-cultural interactions through MIC's Classroom Connection.
- Approximately **400** international visitors will experience warm Minnesota hospitality and connect with Minnesota's professional resources.

MATCHING GRANT ANNOUNCED - DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Help MIC do even more! Now is the perfect time to become a new member, renew your membership, or make an additional gift. **Every dollar donated between now and December 31, 2015 will be matched, up to \$25,000.** Please include MIC in your year-end giving and help us maximize this opportunity to double your impact. Members are at the heart of MIC's mission – let's create a more global Minnesota in 2016 and beyond.

To join, renew, or give an additional gift, please visit micglobe.org or call Kristi Pogatchnick, Membership Manager at 612.625.0620. Thank you.



MIC is a great place to meet globally minded people from Minnesota and other people from around the world. MIC focuses on important international topics and brings in speakers who have a wealth of knowledge and experience. It includes everyone from students to the CEOs of Minnesota's top companies!

– Andrew Smith, MIC member

I have had many tremendous opportunities thanks to my involvement with MIC, yet this experience far and away has been THE BEST! And that takes nothing away from my previous experiences. I'm so grateful and honored to have hosted these women changemakers from IVLP. Absolutely incredible women doing world-changing work.

– Heather Faulkner, MIC member and board member



Hosting international visitors for dinner is a unique benefit to MIC members. To learn more about hosting, please contact Jessica Heller, International Visitor Leadership Program Manager: 612.625.6159 or helle300@umn.edu.

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Letter from the President

As always, it's busy at MIC. In early September, I was fortunate to be part of a 4-day Minnesota trade mission to South Korea. This was a fantastic opportunity for me to make invaluable contacts for MIC's Celebration of South Korea. Highlights of



MIC President Carol E. Byrne and representatives from the Minnesota Trade Office at the Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs

the visit were meetings with the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, the Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a reception with Korean alumni from the University

of Minnesota.

This year's Great Decisions Conference on Human Trafficking was a resounding success. Thanks to underwriting from the Carlson Family Foundation and funding support from the Foreign Policy Association, we attracted a record number of 220 attendees.



Robin Phillips with The Advocates for Human Rights, Minnesota State Representative Dave Pinto, and Brenda Schultz with Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group lead a panel discussion at the 2015 Great Decisions conference

National and local presenters spoke to a packed auditorium of students, educators, and community members, all eager to learn. MIC is proud to offer the only annual Great Decisions conference in the country, and if you missed this year's event, visit us at micglobe.org for videos, photos, and speaker presentations.

I am delighted to announce two new staff members:

JB Scherpelz recently joined MIC in the newly-created **Corporate Relations Officer** position. As MIC's corporate membership program grows, this position will nurture and support corporate relationships. JB's experience in the corporate sector includes several years at Ernst & Young as a recruiter, as well as time at Sivo Insights in the role of business development.

Tim Odegaard will join MIC as **Program Director** on November 30. For the past 15 years, he has been an international trade representative at the Minnesota Trade Office. During this time, he co-founded Study Minnesota, a nonprofit consortium of Minnesota educational institutions coming together to recruit international students. Tim also has experience in education, serving as a social studies teacher in Costa Rica and as an English teacher and cross-cultural trainer with USAID.

If you recently traveled along East River Road, I am sure you noticed that our old home has been demolished. MIC occupied that building for more than 50 years and many happy memories were created there. In that house, MIC grew from an all-volunteer organization to the professional, nationally-respected nonprofit that it is today. As we continue to settle into our new offices at 1901 University Ave. SE, we know that MIC will grow and evolve while providing global opportunities for Minnesotans of all ages.

None of the above includes all the engaging programs listed in this issue of the Communiqué. It's a productive time at MIC!

MIC CORPORATE MEMBERS

Globally minded companies that value membership with the Minnesota International Center

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Wednesday, November 18

Global Conversations: India Changes Course

Frustrated with corruption, dynastic policies, and ineffective public services, Indian voters catapulted Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party to power in the country's 2014 elections. For voters, Modi embodied real change and an India that wasn't stumbling, but running, to greatness. But for the U.S., change in India brings its own set of unknowns, heralding an age ruled by a prime minister new to national office and other policymakers who have been out of the public eye for a decade. Now, the U.S. has to determine how to best secure its interests as India asserts itself on the world stage. On November 18, **Dr. Arijit Mazumdar**, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of St. Thomas, will lead a conversation on India's changing landscape.

Dr. Arijit Mazumdar teaches courses in Asian politics, comparative foreign policy and developing world politics, and government. His research interests include comparative politics and international relations of Asia, with particular emphasis on India, China, Pakistan, and Nepal. His work has appeared in several peer-reviewed academic journals and news magazines, and he recently published a book titled *Indian Foreign Policy in Transition: Relations with South Asia*.



When: Wednesday, November 18; 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 2nd floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

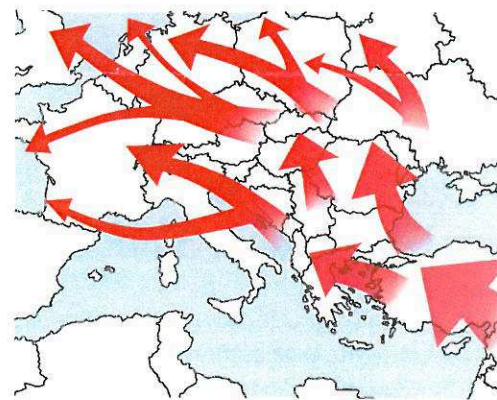
Cost: FREE and open to the public;
Advance registration REQUIRED

Wednesday, December 9

Global Conversations: Syria's Refugee Crisis

For a century, Syrians have welcomed more than a million refugees from Armenia, Palestine, Iraq, and other countries around the region. Now, because of a multi-year civil war, they are on track to become the source of the world's largest refugee population in a matter of months. As Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and other neighbors strive to accommodate millions of them, the risk of allowing Syrians to become dependent on emergency aid and forming a "lost generation" remains. Ultimately, though, the safety of displaced Syrians rests with the whole international community. On December 9, **Ross Wilson**, former Ambassador to Turkey, will lead a conversation on the global impact of resettlement and long-term strategies for resolution.

Ambassador Ross Wilson is a distinguished fellow at the Atlantic Council, visiting lecturer in international affairs at The George Washington University, and MIC board member. Over the course of a thirty-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service, he served as Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan. Elsewhere overseas, he held assignments at U.S. embassies in Moscow and Prague and at the U.S. consulate general in Melbourne, Australia. In Washington, D.C., Ambassador Wilson was principal deputy to the ambassador-at-large and special advisor to the Secretary of State for the new independent states of the former Soviet Union.



When: Wednesday, December 9; 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 2nd floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Cost: FREE and open to the public;
Advance registration REQUIRED

The Minnesota International Center's Global Conversations is a monthly program series on issues significant to the United States' role in the global community. Global Conversations is based on Great Decisions, a citizen education and discussion program sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association. And, Global Conversations is brought to you in partnership with the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Culture Through Cuisine: Kurdistan

Enjoy a sampling of traditional Kurdish fare and hear about the deep culture and history of one of the largest ethnic groups in West Asia, the Kurds, at the next Culture Through Cuisine at Babani's in St. Paul. The first Kurdish restaurant to open in the U.S., family-owned Babani's serves up dishes representing the cuisine of Iraqi Kurdistan. "The Future of Kurdistan" is a 2016 Great Decisions topic.



Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Global Conversations: The Koreas

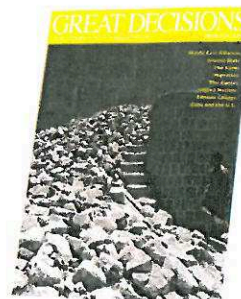
At the end of World War II, the northern half of the Korean peninsula was occupied by the Soviet Union, the southern by the United States. Today, the North is underdeveloped, impoverished, and ruled by a corrupt, authoritarian government, while the South has advanced rapidly to become one of the world's most developed countries. Join us for the first Global Conversations of 2016 as we explore the Koreas and the possibility of and even desire for reunification.



Just Announced! 2016 Great Decisions Topics

Join a Great Decisions group and connect with others interested in discussing the most critical global issues facing the U.S. today.

- Middle East Alliances
- The Rise of ISIS
- The Future of Kurdistan
- Migration
- The Koreas
- The United Nations
- Climate Change
- Cuba and the U.S.



The 2016 Great Decisions briefing books, DVDs, and teacher guides will be available in January. These valuable resources provide in-depth analysis on each new topic. Watch for more details in the coming months. Learn more about Great Decisions at micglobe.org.

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Wednesday, February 3 Academic WorldQuest – Free Event for High School Students

Think globally, quiz locally – registration is now open for 2016 Academic WorldQuest! Test your global IQ with MIC's international trivia competition. This interactive free event challenges teams of four to work together to correctly answering multiple-choice questions on international topics. Prizes and a light meal included! The top team and their coach will win an all-expenses paid trip to the national competition in Washington, D.C. in April 2016. Spots are filling up fast for this bigger than ever event. For details and registration, visit micglobe.org or contact Ann Smith, Global Education Manager at annsmith@umn.edu or 612.625.1467. This event is for high school students only.

Academic WorldQuest is sponsored by David Winton Bell Foundation and is a flagship program of the World Affairs Councils of America.

When: Wednesday, February 3; 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Where: McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota campus, 200 Oak Street SE, Minneapolis

Cost: FREE to compete; Advance registration REQUIRED

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